GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:397
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003
NON-USE OF LIFE SAVING MACHINES IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 380 dated November 20, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 397 FOR 9.4.2003

In the news-item that appeared in `Dainik Jagran` on November01, 2002, the following machines were mentioned as lying unused at AIIMS:

S.No.	Name	Quantity Nos.	Price (Rs.)
1.	Latest Ventilator	3	24 lakhs
2.	Argon Beam Coagulator	1	15 lakhs
3.	Video Endoscopy system	1	10 lakhs
4.	Cardiac Monitors	6	20 lakhs
5.	Pulse Oximeter	6	6 lakhs
6.	Patient Warming System	4	5 lakhs
Total		21	80 lakhs

Of the above items, nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6, namely, Latest Ventilator, Cardiac Monitors, Pulse Oximeter, Patient Warming System, were procured in February/March, 2001 for use in the High Dependency Unit at AIIMS.This unit was to be made functional after renovation of D-7 ward of the Institute. The renovation work was got completed in October, 2002. The above equipments have become functional from November, 2002.

As far as the other two items, namely, Video Endoscopy System and Argon Beam Coagulator are concerned, these were also procured in February/March, 2001 and were installed in the Surgery Ward and Main Operation Theatre in May, 2002 and September, 2002 respectively.

The equipments mentioned in the news-item are, therefore, not lying unused.